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1. Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies is an association of self-governing, community-based organizations that work with and for women and girls in the justice system, particularly the marginalized, victimized, criminalized and institutionalized.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's aim is to ensure equality in the delivery and development of services and programmes through public education, research, legislative and administrative reform nationally, regionally and internationally. Its goals are to reduce the number of women imprisoned in Canada; to increase the availability of community-based, publicly funded, social service, health and educational resources for such women; and to work collaboratively with Elizabeth Fry Societies and other women's groups to address poverty, racism and other forms of oppression.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association worked with other non-governmental organizations to advocate for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The Association works in cooperation with anti-poverty groups in Canada to support the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

Goal 2. Members of the Association provide early intervention and educational initiatives throughout Canada, including read-aloud programmes for the children of women in prison and detention facilities.

Goal 3. The Association promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women through advocacy, litigation, policy and legislative reform initiatives, and academic and practical research, as well as through programmes and service delivery. The Association developed manuals for women in federal prisons, provincial jails and detention centres to increase the ability of women in prison and the organizations involved to rectify injustices and create permanent change. The Association also worked on strategies for the release from prison of Aboriginal women. Since 2006, it has conducted orientation sessions for women detained in federal, provincial and territorial jails.

Goal 5. The Association works in cooperation with health advocacy groups to promote the improvement of maternal health, including in prisons and detention facilities.

Goal 6. In collaboration with health advocacy groups, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, the Association promotes the use of universal precautions and harm reduction approaches in prisons and detention centres.

2. Canadian Federation of University Women

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

The Canadian Federation of University Women is an organization of 10,000 women graduates, students and associate members that advocates for and takes action on issues important to women and girls. It provides fellowships and awards to women for post-graduate education and collaborates with other national and international organizations on social justice issues.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation works to advance issues of concern to women and girls, in particular in the areas of peace and security; education; economics; social, political and cultural spheres; the environment; health; and justice and human rights. It works in concert with the International Federation of University Women to carry out its policies, and contributes to statements the International Federation presents to the Human Rights Council and other United Nations bodies.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization expanded its membership eligibility criteria, allowing its membership to be drawn from a wider demographic.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, representatives of the organization participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women. It also participated in meetings of the Sectoral Committee on Education at the Canadian Commission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. As a follow-up to the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women and UNESCO, the organization adopted resolutions for use in its advocacy on a wide range of issues. The Canadian Federation forwarded four resolutions to the 2007 conference of the International Federation for adoption and use by that organization's affiliates and representatives to the United Nations. In addition, during the period the organization advocated for such issues as human rights in Afghanistan, peace in Darfur, prevention of trafficking in women and children, a day for the elimination of violence against women and Human Rights Day.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization is represented by the International Federation of University Women in United Nations forums. The organization's members have also presented workshop sessions at the Commission on the Status of Women.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2008, the Canadian Federation of University Women, in a submission to the Human Rights Council regarding the 2009 universal periodic review of Canada, advocated for the elimination of barriers to the advancement of women; called for transparent, effective and accountable means of ensuring that the commitments of Canada were implemented, including those relating to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. In 2009, the organization wrote the environmental section in a joint statement by Canadian women's groups concerning the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The organization has also participated in campaigns to end violence against women and to support the amalgamation of the four United Nations women's agencies into a single gender entity.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. As part of the International Women's Day project for 2007, the Canadian Federation of University Women's Clubs raised money to build wells and provide clean water to villages in Africa; the organization also supports Campaign 2000 to eliminate child poverty in Canada.

Goal 2. The organization raised funds to support teachers for girls in Afghanistan and promoted resolutions to promote equal opportunity to education for all, among others.

Goal 3. To promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, the organization called for the restoration of internationally used language in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2009; urged the Government of Canada to increase official development assistance (ODA) to its promised level of 0.7 per cent of gross national income (GNI) and designate a significant portion for Goal 3; appeared as a witness at the hearings of the Federal Government on the relevance of the budget to women; and adopted a resolution on an oversight mechanism for Federal women's prisons to achieve fair and equitable treatment and rehabilitation for women prisoners in 2007.

Goals 4 and 5. The organization donated to relief efforts for victims of the earthquake in Haiti; called for foreign aid funding for all aspects of maternal care, and for action on polygamy and its effects on girls and women in British Columbia; and also advocated for homeless youth and the protection of victims of human trafficking.

Goal 6. The organization promoted HIV/AIDS education in many ways, including devoting a regional conference to the issue in May 2008.

Goal 7. In one region, the organization has taken ongoing action on the issue of water, particularly with regard to the Great Lakes Basin; and in 2007 it adopted resolutions that dealt with remedying environmental damage caused by military activities, and with the practices of Canadian extractive industries abroad.

Goal 8. The organization worked in partnership with CARE Canada to support the empowerment of women and sustainable communities for women.

3. Danish Association for Gays and Lesbians

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The Danish National Association for Gays and Lesbians (Landsforeningen for Bøsser og Lesbiske) is based in Copenhagen. In a letter dated 21 May 2010, the Association informed the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that its name had been changed.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to work for the liberation at all levels of society of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered (LGBT) persons. Its main courses of action are as follows: (a) to campaign for the human rights of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons at the local, national and international levels; (b) to influence political decision-making at the local, national and international levels; (c) to provide information through magazines, newsletters, web-based services and leaflets; (d) to provide counselling services; and (e) to implement projects.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008 transgendered people were included in the aims of the organization. In 2009 its name was changed to LGBT Denmark: The National Organization for Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered Persons.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007 the organization published a handbook concerning United Nations accreditation for LGBT organizations. The handbook has been published on the organization's website and on the website of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association. All major human rights events of the United Nations and the organization's involvement in United Nations events are reported on its website.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

On behalf of the organization, statements were delivered to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2007; twice in 2008; and twice in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has developed a strategy on the improvement of human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons in the global South. Every year the organization celebrates the International Day Against Homophobia, and together with HIV/AIDS organizations, marks World AIDS Day.

4. Dayemi Complex Bangladesh

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

Dayemi Complex Bangladesh provides assistance to the poor and distressed, including the rehabilitation of people rendered homeless owing to river erosion, floods, cyclones and other natural calamities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is working on humanitarian projects in Bangladesh including rehabilitation of the following: orphan children in rural areas, through education and vocational training for an income-generating programme; of distressed women, with vocational training for income-generating programmes; and of men and women of the tribal area of the Chittagong Division, through microcredit programmes. The organization provides assistance with sanitation, drinking water and education for the prevention of HIV/AIDS at 200 locations in rural Bangladesh. It also promotes agricultural development, fisheries and poultry farming for unemployed young men and women.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

None.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

From 2007 to 2017, the organization is implementing a ten-year pilot plan to uplift, rehabilitate and develop tribal areas, including the integration of beggars and the tribal men and women of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, into the mainstream of society; and to rehabilitate unemployed young men and women, orphans, and disaster-affected men, women and children throughout Bangladesh.

5. Eco-Ecolo

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

Eco-Ecolo focuses on promoting an integrated approach to natural stock management and durable systems of production through conservation and improvement of the environment. Its members include seven women and seven men.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of Eco-Ecolo is to focus on human development based on an ecologically friendly environment. The objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of human resources.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

None.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Eco-Ecolo works with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Benin.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

As part of the organization's development objectives, many of its projects support environmental protection.

6. Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Special; 2002

I. Introduction

The Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres is an independent charitable organization based in Hong Kong, China. It is a pioneer in women's services, setting up the first women's hotline, the first multi-service women's centre and the first free legal advice clinic for women in Hong Kong.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to promote the rights and status of women; help women to develop their individual potential; collaborate and coordinate with agencies and groups concerned with women's issues; and provide advice to decision-making bodies on the needs and resource requirements for women's services. To achieve those aims, the Federation adopts a holistic and women-centred approach to its multidimensional services, and works with social institutions and the Government.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Major activities during the reporting period included conducting activities and publishing booklets to educate the public about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and contributing to the Panel on Health Services of the Legislative Council, in response to the Advisory Council on AIDS recommended strategies for Hong Kong, 2007-2011.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the organization, in collaboration with other local women's groups, wrote and submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, prior to its hearings on China in 2006, a report urging the Government to enhance the authority and resources of the Women's Commission so that it could become a central mechanism with the power to promote gender mainstreaming.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In response to the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, in 2007, the organization launched a community education programme to deliver messages against domestic violence and in support of equality in the family. In 2006, the Director attended the sixth East Asian Women's Forum in Beijing, where she gave a presentation on women and social protection and highlighted the need to add a clause about affirming the value of unpaid housework. The organization also joined the Hong Kong Region Preparatory Committee for the seventh East Asian Women's Forum.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization provided 1,419 women with job training, and 966 successfully obtained jobs through its job-matching services. In addition, two women's cooperatives were established.

Goal 3. The organization's hotline handled thousands of calls and provided free legal counselling to women; education and training were provided in law, information technology, civil education, life skills, and the occupational safety and health of domestic workers and unpaid homemakers; nearly 14,000 women participated in a project on sustainable development of the community.

Goal 6. Women with sexually transmitted illnesses participated in a project to promote sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention for women; to commemorate World AIDS Day 2007, the organization held an education campaign in the community to promote the sexual health of women.

7. Humanity First

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

Humanity First is an independent registered charity in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that includes offices in 33 countries across six continents. It provides disaster relief and long-term projects to assist vulnerable communities to become independent.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

Humanity First is a non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian international relief and development agency that works with the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Its objectives are as follows: to relieve suffering caused by natural disasters or human conflict; to promote peace and understanding based upon mutual tolerance and respect; and to strengthen people's capacity to help themselves.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In the last four years, Humanity First has been registered in a number of new countries. It is also working actively to establish a single set of global standard operating procedures covering marketing and fund-raising, finance and governance, disaster response and operations. It established a disaster relief manual to encode best practices. The organization now runs a training course in disaster relief in collaboration with the United Kingdom International Search and Rescue Team.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Humanity First has worked with the United Nations on a number of projects, providing a range of skills and contributing a total of $44,500 to various projects, including the following: in 2010, relief activities in collaboration with the United Nations mission following the earthquake in Haiti; following landslides in Uganda in 2010, medical services for refugees at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) camp in Bulucheke; in 2009, support for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for the distribution of emergency aid packages in the Gaza Strip; relief efforts in Rangabali, Bangladesh, following the 2007 cyclone; and, in 2005-2006 following the earthquake in Pakistan, in addition to contributing to a trust fund for disaster relief, coordination of relief activities with the United Nations. Humanity First also contributed to the Central Emergency Response Fund in 2008.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Humanity First regularly attends consultative meetings at Headquarters in New York and Geneva. It has collaborated with the United Nations in Lesotho on vocational training programmes in Africa. The organization regularly participates in United Nations meetings in response to disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Humanity First cooperates with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on projects to promote greater use of information technology in Africa; with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on specific projects in the Philippines, Solomon Islands and Uganda; with UNRWA on relief services for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip; with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in such human conflict situations as those in Pakistan, Rwanda, the Balkans and the Occupied Palestinian Territory; with the World Health Organization (WHO); and with the World Food Programme (WFP).

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. Humanity First trained 20,700 people in vocational skills; managed 23 vocational training centres in 12 countries; and provided long-term food and rations to over 45,000 vulnerable people.

Goal 2. The organization supported 49 schools and 30,000 students, 47 per cent of whom were girls.

Goal 3. The organization established six sewing skills centres.

Goal 4. The organization trained 1,200 clinicians in new techniques for maternal and neonatal care in Daobase, Ghana.

Goal 5. The organization trained doctors in Uganda.

Goal 7. The organization installed hand pumps and water plants in Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Uganda.

8. International Investment Centre

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

The International Investment Centre is a non-profit organization working actively in the Russian Federation, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the European Union and the United States. The Centre's activities are based on the principles of volunteering, equal rights, self-government and lawfulness.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre's goals are to secure sustainable economic and democratic development; assist in the development of small- and medium-sized businesses; assist in the protection of human rights; assist in the development of education; and assist the United Nations in fulfilling its goals. The Centre's primary tasks are to internationalize small businesses; implement financial programmes for small- and medium-sized businesses; support educational programmes for women's empowerment; assist in the development of programmes for information and communications technology; and distribute information about the activities of the United Nations.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2008-2009, the Centre participated in a United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Volunteers study and actively promoted volunteerism in the Russian Federation.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the Centre attended the following events, among others: the Civil Society Forum to the High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva in 2006; the Human Rights Council, on various occasions in 2006, 2007 and 2008; the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva in 2007; Economic Commission for Europe sessions on public-private partnerships, held in Geneva and Moscow in 2008; meetings in the Federation Council on the interaction of non-profit organizations in the Russian Federation with the Council, in Moscow in 2008; and the Durban Review Conference in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre collaborated with the Economic Commission for Europe in the multiplier point programme from 2006 to 2009; implemented a project in collaboration with the UNDP global inclusive market programme in 2009; and provided technical assistance to UNDP in preparation for the Synergia Business Forum in Athens in 2009.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The Centre undertook major actions in relation to the Goals in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the Russian Federation, as follows:

Goal 1. The organization implemented the young talents programme, providing training in arts and crafts for young rural people and unemployed low-income

women; trained more than 50 people in craftsmanship, design and e-commerce; and conducted research on peacebuilding and economic recovery in the aftermath of the conflict in North Ossetia, Russian Federation, in 2009.

Goal 3. The organization conducted seminars on women's leadership in 2006; published articles on women in politics: the gender dimension of quality of life and on the international legal aspects of women's rights defence in the context of Russian politics in 2006.

Goal 6. The organization promoted HIV/AIDS treatment programmes by enabling children's artwork to be printed as postcards for a World AIDS Day exhibition in the Netherlands and Belgium in 2009, and by supporting the creation of an e-learning course on peer education in HIV programmes in 2009.

Goal 8. The organization implemented an e-commerce programme for small businesses with the Veneto Chamber of Commerce in Italy, from 2008 to 2009.

9. Korean Federation for Environmental Movement

Special; 1998

I. Introduction

With offices in every province and major city in the Republic of Korea, the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement is a grass-roots organization with national reach and an international perspective.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation aims to protect the environmental rights enshrined in the constitution; publicize information on environmental issues; contribute to the development of regional autonomy to ensure that government policies reflect the concerns of local citizens; and ensure widespread participation of citizens in the environmental movement.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Doyosae, the Federation's publishing house, created in 2000, became independent from the organization in 2006. The Environmental Education Centre changed its status from an auxiliary organization to a cooperative organization during the Foundation's general assembly in 2009 and is therefore no longer a member of its general assembly.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

Representatives of the organization participated as follows: (a) attended the twelfth session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference, held at Nairobi in 2006; the thirteenth session, held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2007; and the fifteenth session, held in Copenhagen, in 2009; (b) attended the Asia Pacific Regional Civil Society Meeting, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), held in Seoul in 2007; and (c) attended the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Bonn, Germany, in 2008.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Federation organized three workshops to improve the wetlands conservation policy in Changwon, Republic of Korea, during the period 2007-2008. It submitted recommendations to UNEP in 2009 on the Four Major Rivers Restoration Project initiated by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in line with **Goal 7**: it encouraged university students to plant crops in Inner Mongolia, China, to combat desertification in 2006, 2007 and 2008; conducted field research and raised public awareness on water scarcity and its influence on women in 2007; campaigned to ban asbestos in the Republic of Korea in 2008-2009 and took the lead in enacting the law on asbestos; raised public awareness on ecosystem conservation in 2007, 2008 and 2009, particularly with regard to the Grand Canal and Four Major Rivers projects initiated by the Government of Korea, which have led to the destruction of the rivers.

10. National Foundation for Women Legislators

Special; 2006

I. Introduction

The National Foundation for Women Legislators, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that empowers elected women at all levels of government through education, leadership training, coalition building and communications opportunities. The membership consists of members of the National Order of Women Legislators, including current and former elected women officials.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Foundation is to provide strategic resources to women leaders for leadership development and effective governance through conferences, seminars, educational materials, professional and personal relationships, and networking at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Its annual conference is a national forum designed to encourage the building of alliances among elected women, industry leaders and issue experts. The goal of the conference is to intellectually equip elected women to shape public opinion and prepare for legislative debates.

B. Significant changes in the organization

Over the next year, the Foundation is planning to initiate development work in Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Indonesia.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation contributes to the goals of the Commission on the Status of Women, including gender equality and the advancement of women, and has promoted action on human trafficking and HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and treatment. The women that the organization supports recognize the importance of many of the issues that the United Nations works to promote.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The staff and members of the Foundation frequently work with other non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

None.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3. The organization works broadly on women's empowerment issues, especially embracing equal educational, professional and political opportunity for all women, including in rural areas. It has undertaken numerous policy initiatives regarding women's equality in education and professional development and representatives have travelled to Bahrain, Iraq and Taiwan Province of China to reach out to and empower women political candidates, heads of non-governmental organizations and community and business leaders. International programming has included mentoring and outreach to women political candidates, elected and appointed leaders, and entrepreneurs around the world. The organization also

arranges educational meetings, trips and networking events for visiting women leaders and their American women counterparts.

Goal 6. In support of World AIDS Day, the Foundation partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, through the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Goal 8. The organization has highlighted commercial and economic empowerment as high points on the agenda for all international work the Foundation undertakes.